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NOTE. —The Minutes this year have been prepared, with reference to economy of publication, in as condensed a form as possible, but it is hoped and believed that nothing of material interest has been excluded.

LINUS PARKER,
Secretary Louisiana Conference.

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MINUTES.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Mark B. Chapman.

Q. 2.—Who remain on trial?

A.—John Wilkinson, continued in class of the third year and elected and ordained Deacon.

Robert A. Davis, continued in the class of the first year.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connection?

A.—None.

Q. 4.—Who are readmitted?

A.—James Sterling Lane, William E. Doty.

Q. 5.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A.—Horace Jewell, transferred from the Little Rock Conference; Leopold Lenz, from Baltimore Conference.

Q. 6.—Who are the Deacons of one year?

A.—Alanson W. Moore, Seaborn J. Graves.

Q. 7.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—John Wilkinson.

Q. 8.—What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Richard Jones.

John W. Patton elected but not ordained.

Three colored preachers, to wit: William Culpepper, Warren Williams and Cyrus Alexander, were elected and ordained.

Q. 9.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Charles F. Evans.

Q. 10. What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—James B. Landers, a Local Elder in the Protestant Methodist Church, was recognized and received in due form as a Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Q. 11.—Who have located this year?

A.—Charles W. Hodge, Henry B. Frazee, Lewis A. Read.

Q. 12.—Who are supernumerary?

A.—John C. Reed, James L. Chapman, Samuel S. Scott, John S. Davis.

Q. 13.—Who are superannuated?

A.—Thomas Samford, Henry C. Thweatt, Joel Sanders, Charles J. Hallberg.

Q. 14.—What preachers have died during the year?

A.—David Kinnear, Fielding Bell, Robert R. R. Alexander, Leopold Lenz.

Obituaries of these brethren were prepared and entered in the Journal of the Conference.

Q 15.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?

A.—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

MEMBERSHIP.

Q 16.—What is the number of preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

A.—

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	MEMBERS. White.	Colored.	Local Preachers
Carondelet Street	372		1
Felicity Street	201		1
Moreau Street	72		
Dryades Street German Church	130		
Crap Street German Church	77		
Lafayette and Carrollton German Church	46		1
Jefferson City and Louisiana Avenue	58		1
New Orleans Circuit	39		
Baton Rouge	123		1
Plaquemine and Grosse Tete	57	224	
Thibodaux	31		
	1206	224	5
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.			
Opelousas	66		1
Washington and Bayou Boeuff	67		
Bayou Mallet	25	2	
Plaquemine Brule	61		2
Lafayette	249	9	
Vermillion and Junction	20		
New Iberia	116	21	
Franklin	67		
Pattersonville and Berwick City	24		
Grand Cheniere	61	24	
Calcasieu	175	53	
	931	302	3
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.			
Alexandria	225	27	4
Harrisonburg and Columbia	239	46	2
Evergreen and Big Cane	40		1
Winfield and Atlanta	215		4
Spring Creek	100		
	819	73	11

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.	MEMBERS White.	MEMBERS Colored.	Local Preach's
Shreveport	106	14	1
North Bossier	70	50	
Caddo	185		4
Mansfield	158		1
Pleasant Hill	255	60	2
Manny	74		1
Anacoco	209	8	4
Natchitoches	20		
Springville	350	80	
Campte	10		
Belle Bower	37	40	
	1474	252	13
HOMER DISTRICT.			
Homer	520	100	8
Vernon	371	50	2
Louisville	120		
Farmersville	285	96	5
Minden	289	140	3
Haynesville	231	84	3
Mount Lebanon	157	65	
Sparta and Bienville	261	89	
South Bossier	149		
	2383	624	21
MONROE DISTRICT.			
Monroe and Trenton	129	60	3
Island and Wright's Chapel	15	13	2
Ouachita	245		3
Bastrop	103	48	2
Bayou Bartholomew	62	42	
Jefferson	76	50	2
	630	213	12

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.	MEMBERS. White.	Colored.	Local Preach's.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	39		
Carroll	140	19	5
Delhi and Floyd	29		
Oakley	80		
Sicily Island and Tensas Chapel	98		
Waterproof and St. Joseph	30		
Ion	122	128	1
Wesley	20		
	558	147	6

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	1206	224	5
Opelousas District	931	302	3
Alexandria District	819	73	11
Shreveport District	1474	252	13
Homer District	2383	624	21
Monroe District	630	213	12
Lake Providence District	558	147	6
Total this year	8001	1835	71
Total last year	7848	1983	93
Increase this year	153		
Decrease this year		148	22

BAPTISMS.

Q. 17.—How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?

A.—

	Adults.	Infants.
New Orleans District	31	146
Opelousas District	5	16
Alexandria District	127	107
Shreveport District	82	43
Homer District	40	15
Monroe District	45	32
Lake Providence District	56	21
Total number of baptisms	386	380

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Q. 18.—What is the number of Sunday Schools, teachers and scholars?

A.—

	No. of Schools.	Off'rs & Teach's.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	COLLECTIONS. For Schools.	COLLECTIONS. For Missi'ns.	Visitors Taken.	Scholars received into the Church.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.								
Carondelet Street	1	25	250	1500	$1070 00		200	13
Felicity Street	1	25	200	1000	500 00	$70 00	200	14
Moreau Street	1	20	150	2000	780 00		200	
Dryades Street (German)	1	19	130	450	340 00	80 00	100	20
Crap Street (German)	1	1'	45	300	75 00			
Lafayette and Carrollton (German)	1	5	50	400	100 00		60	
Jefferson City and Louisiana Avenue	2	18	100	500	85 35	33 45	100	
New Orleans Circuit	3	19	133	400			100	
Baton Rouge	1	12	75	200	84 00		50	
Plaquemine and Grosse Tete	1	5	30					
Thibodaux							1	
	13	158	1163	6750	3034 35	183 45	1011	47
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.								
Opelousas	1	11	62	200	90 00		50	
Washington and Bayou Boeuff	1	6	40	200		10 00		
Bayou Mallet	1		35	150				
Plaquemine Brule	1	4	15				15	
New Iberia	1	16	88	275	75 00		30	
Franklin	1	9	58	300	10 00		8	
	6	46	298	1125	175 00	10 00	103	
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.								
Alexandria							21	
Evergreen and Big Cane							13	
Winfield and Atlanta	1	8	40	150	31 00		25	10
	1	8	40	150	31 00		59	10
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.								
Shreveport	1	17	97	750	345 00		100	
Caddo	2	20	70	300	131 50			2
Mansfield	1	5	141	350	250 00		100	
Pleasant Hill	1		50	100			25	
Anacoco	4	11	126	75	14 00			
Belle Bower	1	7	30	200	4 00		10	2
	10	60	514	1775	744 50		235	4
HOMER DISTRICT.								
Homer	1	8	60	200				
Vernon	1	5	25	50				
Farmersville	1	4	15	50	10 00		3	
Minden	1	15	125	250	90 00		25	
Haynesville	3	17	92					
	7	49	317	550	100 00		28	

MONROE DISTRICT.	No. of Schools.	Offi'rs & Teach's.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	COLLECTIONS. For Schools.	COLLECTIONS. For Missi'ns.	Visitors Taken.	Scholars received into the Church.
Monroe and Trenton	2	15	40	300	$30 00	$		
Island and Wright's Chapel	1	2	40	80				
Ouachita	2	10	100				20	
Bastrop	1	14	60	40	56 00		29	
Jefferson	2	13	55	400				
	8	54	295	820	86 00		49	
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.								
Carroll	3	2	45	120	15 00			5
Delhi and Floyd	2	12	80	400				
Waterproof and St. Joseph	1	8	35	300			12	
	6	22	160	820	15 00		12	5
RECAPITULATION.								
New Orleans District	13	158	1163	6750	3034 35	183 45	1011	47
Opelousas District	6	46	298	1125	175 00	10 00	103	
Alexandria District	1	8	40	150	31 00		59	10
Shreveport District	10	60	514	1775	744 50		235	4
Homer District	7	49	317	550	100 00		28	
Monroe District	8	54	295	820	86 00		49	
Lake Providence District	6	22	160	820	15 00		12	5
	51	397	2787	11990	4185 85	193 45	1497	66

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 19.—What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers?

A.—$1,950.

Q. 20.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A.—Collected..... $1029 00

Applied:

Widow of Jones H. Waters..... $60 00
Widow of Fielding Bell..... 75 00
Widow of R. Randal..... 75 00
Widow of David Kinnear..... 75 00

Widow and Orphans of U. Whatley	$94 00	
Orphans of W. J. McFarland	50 00	
Orphans of Thomas B. Baldwin	40 00	
Orphans of W. H. Turnley	40 00	
Orphans of Samuel Haws	20 00	
SUPERANNUATES :		
Thomas Samford	150 00	
Henry C. Thweatt	75 00	
Joel Sanders	75 00	
Charles J. Hallberg	200 00	$1029 00
BISHOPS' CLAIM :		
Amount apportioned to this Conference	1140 00	
Traveling expenses	30 00	1170 00
AMOUNTS COLLECTED :		
Amount collected on traveling expenses	30 00	
Amount collected on apportionment	648 95	678 95
Deficiency on Bishops' claim		491 05

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in order ro raise the deficiency on the claims of the Bishops for the past year, it shall be the duty of each preacher, before the first of March, to take up a collection in all those congregations where such a collection has not been taken up during the past year, and forward the same to Dr. J. C. Keener as soon as possible.

Resolved, That each preacher shall endeavor to interest the members of the Church in the support of our Bishops, by calling upon each member for a contribution to this object.

On motion, the Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Support was instructed to apportion the amount to be raised for the Bishops to the several Districts of the Conference; and the Presiding Elders be requested to apportion the amount for their Districts to the several Circuits or Stations.

Resolved, That to meet the claims of Widows, Orphans and Superannuates the Preachers pay *four per cent.* on their total receipts.

Amount of Bishops' claim for the coming year		$1200 00
APPORTIONED :		
New Orleans District	$450 00	
Opelousas District	150 00	
Alexandria District	50 00	
Shreveport District	150 00	
Ouachita District	250 00	
Lake Providence District	150 00	
		1200 00

Allowance, Receipts, Widows' and Orphans' Per Cent., and Bishops' Collection.

PREACHERS.	WORK.	Total allowance.	Total receipts.	Per cent. paid.	Bishops' collection.
John C. Keener, P. E.	New Orleans District	$2800 00	$2000 00	$100 00	
Joseph B. Walker	Carondelet Street	3000 00	3000 00	202 25	$180 65
Linus Parker	Felicity Street	3300 70	1809 86	254 40	127 00
Robert J. Harp	Moreau Street	1012 00	1012 00	63 05	53 75
John B. A. Ahrens	Dryades Street German Church	1200 00	1200 00	60 00	35 00
John Pauly	Crap Street		425 00	5 00	10 00
Charles F. Evans	Jefferson City and Louisiana Avenue	1200 00	650 00	61 55	25 00
	New Orleans Circuit.				
Charles W. Carter	Baton Rouge	1500 00	1160 00	33 00	25 00
	Plaquemine and Grosse Tete.				
Philo M. Goodwyn	Thibodaux		152 20	7 50	
Almarin G. Miller	Centenary College.				
		14082 00	11409 06	786 75	456 40
Alexander E. Goodwyn, P. E.	Opelousas District,				
	And New Iberia	1000 00	1000 00	50 00	3 00
John Wilkinson	Opelousas	1000 00	1000 00	50 00	10 00
John S Davis, Supernumerary	Do.				
Joseph D. Adams	Bayou Boeuff.				
James E. Bradley	Bayou Mallet.				
Fisher T. Rawson	Plaquemine Brule	480 00	444 85	18 10	
John F. Mims, Supply	Lafayette.				
Henry B. Frazee	Vermillion and Junction.				
Baxter Clegg	Franklin		164 00	18 00	5 00
J. Knight, Supply	Pattersonville and Berwick.				

Seaborn J. Graves	Grand Cheniere.				
	Calcasieu.				
Benjamin F. White	Opelousas School.				
		2480 00	2608 85	136 10	18 00
James A. Ivy, P. E.	ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.				
Henry O. White	Alexandria	375 ..	172 25		
Edwin W Yancey	Harrisonburg and Columbia	600 ..	290 85		
Robert A. Davis	Evergreen and Big Cane	450 ..	110 00		
John F. Wynn	Winfield and Atlanta	500 ..	100 00	5 00	
Frederick White	Spring Creek.				
		1925 00	673 10	5 00	
Benjamin F. Alexander, P. E.	SHREVEPORT DISTRICT	750 00	350 00	17 50	
Reynolds S. Trippett	Shreveport			5 00	5 ..
Robert R. R. Alexander	North Bossier.				
Samuel B. Suratt	Caddo	1500 ..	628 75		
John Pipes	Mansfield	1100 ..	800 00	43 50	10 ..
William H. Moss	Pleasant Hill.	950 ..	200 ..	10 00	5 ..
H. L. Smith, Supply	Manny	200 ..	16 ..		
J. M Franklin, Supply	Anacoco	400 ..	226 ..		
James L. Chapman	Natchitoches.				
John C. Reed	Springville.				
Jesse Fulton	Campte.				
B. F. Alexander	Belle Bower	200 ..	80 ..	4 ..	3 ..
		5100 ..	2300 75	80 ..	23 ..
John A. Miller, P. E.	HOMER DISTRICT.				
Nehemiah A. Cravens	Homer.				
Thomas J. Upton	Vernon	1299 99	396 00	20 ..	20 ..
Charles W. Hodge	Louisville.				
Robert T. Parish	Farmersville	800 00	450 ..	29 55	

ALLOWANCE, RECEIPTS, WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PER CENT., AND BISHOPS' COLLECTION—CONTINUED.

PREACHERS.	WORK.	Total allowance.	Total receipts.	Per cent. paid.	Bishops' collection.
Thomas B. White	Minden	$1404 00	$755 65	$30 00	$26 00
Samuel S. Scott, Supernumerary	Do.				
William C. Haislip	Haynesville	1000 .	1000 00	30 ..	
Whitmel P. Kimball	Mount Lebanon.				
Richard M Crowson	Sparta and Bienville.				
Nathaniel M. Talbot	South Bossier.				
		4503 99	2601 65	109 55	46 ..
James L. Wright, P E	MONROE DISTRICT	750 00	105 00	2 50	
Horace Jewell	Monroe and Trenton	1200 ..	400 ..	20 00	13 ..
John T. Daves	Island and Wright's Chapel	1000 ..	400 ..	5 ..	
Samuel Armstrong	Ouachita	750 ..	250 ..	12 50	
Joshua F. Scurlock	Bastrop	700 ..	357 ..	12 50	
William D. Stayton	Bayou Bartholomew	800 ..	363 .		
Henry T. Lewis, Supply	Jefferson	1000 ..	334 35		
		6200 ..	2209 35	52 50	13 ..
William G. McGaughey, P. E	LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.				
Thomas J. Lacey	Lake Providence and Pecan Grove.				
Thomas B. Reneau, Supply	Carroll.				
Benjamin R. Duval	Delhi and Floyd.				
Lewis A. Reed	Oakley.				
Alanson W. Moore.					
Joseph H. Stone	Sicily Island and Tensas Chapel.				

Fielding Bell	Waterproof and St. Joseph		62 00		
Thomas H. McClendon	Ion.				
Philip H. Diffinworth	Wesley.				
			62 00		

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	14082 00	11409 06	786 75	456 40
Opelousas ..	2480 ..	2608 85	136 10	18 00
Alexandria ..	1925 ..	673 10	5 00	
Shreveport ..	5100 ..	2300 75	80 ..	23 ..
Homer ..	4503 99	2601 65	109 55	46 ..
Monroe ..	6200 00	2209 35	52 50	13 ..
Lake Provid'ce ..		62 00		
Total	34290 99	21864 76	1169 90	556 40

MISSIONS.

Q 21.—What has been contributed for the Missionary and Tract Societies?

A—For the Tract Society—Nothing.

For the Missionary Society, as follows:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	Foreign.	Domestic.
Carondelet Street	$150 00	$150 00
Felicity Street	150 00	100 ..
Moreau Street	56 00	56 ..
Dryades Street German Church	60 50	120 ..
Jefferson City and Louisiana Avenue	20 05	10 ..
	436 55	436 ..
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.		
Opelousas	52 25	
Plaquemine Brule	17 00	10 ..
New Iberia	16 20	16 20
	85 45	26 20
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.		
Caddo	20 00	
Pleasant Hill	5 00	
Manny		12 00
Anacoco	20 00	
Belle Bower	8 50	
	53 50	12 00
HOMER DISTRICT.		
Farmersville	8 50	3 75
Minden	5 ..	6 ..
	13 50	9 75
MONROE DISTRICT.		
Bastrop	2 75	3 00
RECAPITULATION.		
New Orleans District	436 55	436 00
Opelousas District	85 45	26 20
Shreveport District	53 50	12 00
Homer District	13 50	9 75
Monroe District	2 75	3 00
Total	591 75	486 95

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ART. 1. This Board shall be denominated and known as the Board of Domestic Missions of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ART. 2. The object of this Board is to co-operate with the Parent Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in support of Missions, especially within the territory occupied by this Conference.

ART. 3. The officers of this Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and five Managers, who shall be chosen quadrennially by the Louisiana Conference.

ART. 4. The President, and in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board ; in the absence of both, the Board shall select a President, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make an accurate and full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements of the Board, to the Louisiana Annual Conference.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board.

ART. 7. That during the year, each preacher in charge shall, as far as practicable, ascertain how much each member will give for the support of the Domestic Mission, and collect the same in such manner as he shall think best.

ART. 8. One-tenth of all the collections made for Domestic Missions shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Parent Board, and any surplus remaining after supplying our own work.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at the annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board.

The following members were elected :

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

PRESIDENT.....P. M. GOODWYN.
VICE PRESIDENT.....——— ———.
SECRETARY.....C. W. CARTER.
TREASURER.....A. E. GOODWYN.

MANAGERS.

ROBERT J. HARP. ——— ——— ———. JOHN PIPES.
J. D. ADAMS. W. G. McGAUGHEY.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved, That we do hereby constitute a Committee on Foreign Missions, which shall take in charge all business of the Conference appertaining to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee shall be elected by the Conference, who shall preside at all annual and other meetings of this Committee, take charge of all funds collected for Foreign Missions, and dispose of them as directed by the Committee, and report annually its doings to the Conference, and shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Conference.

Resolved, That each member of this Conference shall take up annually a public collection, and shall preach in behalf of Foreign Missions, and shall report the amount collected to the Committee at its annual meeting.

Dr. JOSEPH B. WALKER was elected Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

APPROPRIATIONS TO DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

New Orleans District—Thibodaux	$100 00
Opelousas District—Bellevue	150 00
Shreveport District—Manny	100 00
Lake Providence District	100 00
	$450 00

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FURNISHING THE GOSPEL TO THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Resolved, That this Conference will at once take measures to inaugurate the plan recommended by the General Conference.

Resolved, That to this end the Bishop be requested to appoint a General Superintendent to supervise this work throughout the bounds of this Conference.

EDUCATION.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

The places of Dr. Joseph Wilder and Linus Parker as members of the Board of Managers were declared vacant ; and Benjamin F. Alexander and John Holmes were appointed in their stead.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we, the subscribing members of the Louisiana Conference, promise to be responsible for the sum of twenty dollars each, for the purpose of raising a sustaining fund for the Centenary College ; and to use our influence with the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to swell the list of subscribers to this fund, to be paid during the year to the President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. J. C. Keener ; and that the Secretary be instructed to prepare a copy of this resolution for the signatures of the members of the Conference.

PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we appoint Rev. J. S. Lane Special Agent, with full power to settle all claims of Pierce and Paine College, on the best terms practicable, by compromise, renewal, by receiving pay-

ments in lands or otherwise, and that the Agent is hereby instructed to confer with the Board of Trustees whenever he may deem it necessary, and to employ counsel ; and that it shall be his duty to report the result of his labors quarterly to the Board of Trustees, and to report to this Conference in full at its next session.

Resolved, That the Agent shall be allowed *five per cent.* on all amounts collected by him.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed Trustees of Pierce and Paine College for 1868 :

Rev. Baxter Clegg.	John Jordan.
Rev. John Pipes.	J. T. Redding.
Rev. Linus Parker.	S. D. Chapman.
Rev. John C. Reed.	J. M. Gibbs.
Rev. Philo M. Goodwyn.	Dr. R. S. Armstrong.
Rev. Joseph B. Walker.	Iverson W. Lane.
Rev. Samuel B. Suratt.	Dr. E. C. Wilson.
Rev. Benjamin F. Alexander.	Warren Jackson.
Rev. John C. Keener.	A. J. Jordan.
Rev. William H. Moss.	W. D. Gooch.
Rev. Jesse Fulton.	James A. Lane.
Rev. Reynolds S Trippett.	A. M. Chapman.

HOMER COLLEGE.

Resolved, That the following named gentlemen be and are hereby elected Trustees of Homer College, to wit :

Nehemiah A. Cravens.	W. R. Gill.
W. J. Moreland.	W. F. Blackman.
Marshall S. Kennebrew.	Dr. G. W. Maddox.
Stephen W. Davis.	Joseph H. Jordan.
Joshua Willis.	W. B. Nicholson.
Samuel S. Scott.	Thomas J. Upton.
Whitmel P. Kimball.	Samuel Armstrong.

LAY REPRESENTATION.

PLAN FOR THE ELECTION OF LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

First. Each Quarterly Conference of each District shall nominate by ballot one Lay Representative.

Second. At some time during the year the Presiding Elder shall call a meeting of all the members of the Quarterly Conferences in his District, which meeting shall elect by ballot *four* of the said nominees, to be representatives of the said District to the ensuing session of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

President of Board of Domestic Missions.....P. M. Goodwyn.
Chairman Committee on Foreign Missions....Joseph B. Walker.
Chairman Committee on Sunday Schools.....John B. A. Ahrens.
Chairman Committee on Church Publications..Thomas J. Upton.
Chairman Committee on Education.....Baxter Clegg.
Chairman Committee on Bible Cause.....R. S. Trippett.
Chairman Committee on Ministerial Support...Charles W. Carter.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1868.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Committee..... A. E. Goodwyn and Joseph D. Adams.

Studies—*Class of First Year*—English Grammar ; Hymn Book ; Composition.

Studies—*Class of Second Year*—Hymn Book ; Quackenboss' Advanced Course of Composition ; and Rhetoric and Composition.

Studies—*Class of Third Year*—Hymn Book ; Whateley's Rhetoric, Essay or Sermon ; Reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

Studies—*Class of Fourth Year*—Hymn Book ; Whateley's Logic ; Sermon.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

Committee.....R. S. Trippett and C. W. Carter.

Studies—*Class of First Year*—Bible, historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas and Preacher's Text Book.

Studies—*Class of Second Year*—Bible, as to the Institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

Studies—*Class of Third Year*—Bible, as to doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

Studies—*Class of Fourth Year*—Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

DOCTRINAL AND CONTROVERSIAL THEOLOGY.

Committee.....S. B. Suratt and Samuel Armstrong.

Studies—*Class of First Year*—Vol. I of Wesley's Sermons ; Watson's Institutes, Part III ; Theological Compend.

Studies—*Class of Second Year*—Vol. II of Wesley's Sermons ; Smith's Elements of Divinity ; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.

Studies—*Class of Third Year*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III ; Watson's Institutes, Part II.

Studies—*Class of Fourth Year*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV ; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy ; Watson's Institutes, Part First.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Committee.....N. A. Cravens and Philo M. Goodwyn.

Studies—*Class of First Year*—Discipline ; Clarke's Preacher's Manual.

Studies—*Class of Second Year*—Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis ; Watson's Life of Wesley, and observations on Southey.

Studies—*Class of Third Year*—Discipline.

Studies—*Class of Fourth Year*—Discipline ; Powell on Succession ; Ruter's Church History.

Committee for Examination of Candidates for Admission on Trial : John C. Keener and Lewis A. Reed.

"All candidates for admission on trial into the Traveling Connection shall, in addition to their examination before the Quarterly Conference, as required by the present form of Discipline, be examined by a committee of the Annual Conference on the ordinary branches of an English education, of their acquaintance with which they shall give satisfactory evidence previous to admission." *Action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in session of* 1858.

GERMAN UNDER GRADUATES.

Resolved, That the German preachers who are now or may hereafter be received on trial, shall be required to give satisfaction to the Conference on the course of study in the English language, as recommended by the Bishops.

TIME OF EXAMINATION.

Resolved, That the classes to be examined be required to appear before the Committee of Examination at the seat of Conference, at nine o'clock A. M., on the Monday preceding the opening of the Conference ; and in case they fail to do so, without satisfactory excuse for non-attendance at the required time and place, they shall be continued in the same class another year.

UNDER GRADUATES.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.....Mark B. Chapman.
Robert A. Davis.
CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.....
CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.....Alanson W. Moore.
John Wilkinson.
CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.....Seaborn J. Graves.

EPISCOPAL DECISION.

Bishop Paine announced it as the opinion of himself and his colleagues, that where the studies of two years have been brought up in one, and a satisfactory examination has been passed before the Committees, the under graduates so examined are exempted from future examination upon those studies.

That a preacher on trial for one year can be elected to Deacon's Orders only when he has brought up the studies of the first and second years ; and that a Deacon of one year can be elected to Elder's Orders only after having passed an examination upon the studies of the third and fourth years.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.....Charles W. Carter.
John C. Keener.
Linus Parker.

Mansfield Female College	Benj. F. Alexander.
	Samuel R. Suratt.
	William H. Moss.
Pierce and Paine College	John Pipes.
	John C. Reed.
	James L. Chapman.
Homer College	John A. Miller.
	Thomas J. Upton.
	Whitmel P. Kimball.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Fisher T. Rawson was appointed to preach the next Conference sermon.

SEAT OF THE NEXT CONFERENCE.

Q. 22.—Where and when shall the next session of the Conference be held?

A.—New Iberia, Louisiana, December 16, 1868.

Q. 23.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

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APPOINTMENTS.

New Orleans District	*John C. Keener, P. E.*
Carondelet Street	*Joseph B. Walker.*
Felicity Street	*Linus Parker.*
Moreau Street	*Robert J. Harp.*
Dryades Street (German)	*John B. A. Ahrens.*
Crap Street (German)	*John A. Pauly.*
Lafayette and Carrollton (German)	Matthias Maas, Supply.
Jefferson City and Louisiana Avenue	*Charles F. Evans.*
New Orleans Circuit	To be supplied.
Thibodaux Mission	*Philo M. Goodwyn.*
Baton Rouge	*Charles W. Carter.*
Plaquemine and Grosse Tete	To be supplied.
Centenary College	*Almarin G. Miller,* attached to Baton Rouge Quarterly Conf.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....*Alexander E. Goodwyn, P. E.*

Opelousas.....John Wilkinson.
Bellevue Mission.....*Fisher T. Rawson.*
Washington and Bayou Boeuff.....*Benjamin F. White.*
Bayou Mallet.....*James E. Bradley.*
Plaquemine Brule.....*Joseph D Adams.*
Vermillion.....To be supplied.
New Iberia.....*Alexander E. Goodwyn.*
Franklin.....*Baxter Clegg.*
Pattersonville and Berwick City.....J. Knight, Supply.
Grand Cheniere.....Seaborn J. Graves.
Calcasieu.....To be supplied.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....*Frederick White, P. E.*

Alexandria Circuit.....*Henry O. White.*
Harrisonburg.....*Edwin W. Yancey.*
Evergreen and Big Cane.....*John S. Davis,* Supernumerary.
Evergreen and Big Cane.....Robert A. Davis.
Atlanta.....*John F. Wynn.*
Spring Creek.....*Frederick White.*
Montgomery.....*Philip H. Dieffienweirth.*

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....*Benjamin F. Alexander, P. E.*

Shreveport.....*Reynolds S. Trippett.*
Greenwood.....*Samuel B. Suratt.*
Greenwood.....*James L. Chapman,* Supernum'y.
Keachie.....*William H. Moss.*
Mansfield.....*John Pipes.*
Pleasant Hill.....*James S. Lane.*
Manny Mission.....To be supplied.
Anacoco.....J. M. Franklin, Supply.
Natchitoches.....To be supplied.
Springville.....*Jesse Fulton.*
John C. Reed, Supernum'y.
Bayou Pierre.....To be supplied.
Pierce and Paine College.....*James S. Lane.*
Bible Agent and Colored Work.....*William E. Doty,* attached to Greenwood Quarterly Conf'e.

Ouachita District.....*Samuel Armstrong, P. E.*

Ouachita Circuit .....*Robert T. Parish.*
Monroe and Trenton. .....*Horace Jewell.*
Monroe and Trenton.....Mark B. Chapman.
Columbia.....*James A. Ivy.*
Sparta and Bienville .....*Whitmel P. Kimball.*
Louisville .....*Richard M. Crowson.*
Farmersville .....*Joseph H. Stone.*
Vernon.....*Thomas J. Upton.*
Mount Lebanon .....*John A. Miller.*
Minden.....*Thomas B. White.*
Minden.....*Samuel S. Scott*, Supernum'y.
Bossier .....*Nathaniel M. Talbot.*
Homer .....*Nehemiah A. Cravens.*
Haynesville .....*William C. Haislip.*

Lake Providence District .....*William G. McGaughey, P. E.*

Lake Providence.....To be supplied.
Waterproof and St. Joseph.....*Thomas J. Lacey.*
Floyd and Delhi .....To be supplied.
Carroll.....Alanson W. Moore.
Winnsboro.....*Thomas H. McClendon.*
Ion .....*William D. Stayton.*
Bastrop.....*Joel T. Daves.*
Bastrop Circuit and Colored Work.....*James L. Wright.*
Bayou Bartholomew .....Thomas Reneau, Supply.
Jefferson Circuit .....To be supplied.

Transferred.—*Joshua F. Scurlock*, to the Pacific Conference.

Superannuated.—*Thomas Samford, Henry C. Thweatt, Joel Saunders, Charles J. Hallberg.*

Located.—*Lewis A. Reed*, Charles W. Hodge, Henry B. Frazee.